



The Catholic Parish
of
Celbridge
and
Straffan



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PLANNED GIVING: (weekly envelope collection) was **€1,450**. Thanks to all the collectors and contributors. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

The Tax Refund for 2010 was over €26,000. Please ensure that all 2011 envelopes are returned by 27th Nov as they qualify for tax relief for 2011. Donations of €250 and over qualify for relief. If you wish to check the amount donated by you to date text name & box no. to 085 7021882.

John Paul II Award

The parish of Celbridge and Straffan is delighted to offer the John Paul II Award for all the young people in 5th and/or 6th year in Secondary School.

The John Paul II Award is a great opportunity to get involved in the parish as well as raise social awareness in the parish community. After weeks of encouragement the young people will be rewarded with a bronze, silver or gold medal. If you are interested in this award or would like to find out more please check out <http://www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/> or ring Christina Malone, Parish Pastoral Worker, 085 8519110.

The Archbishop of Dublin Dr. Diarmuid Martin will celebrate the 6pm Mass on Saturday the 10th December in St. Brigid's Church, Straffan

to mark the 225th Anniversary of the opening of the Church.

"Do this in Memory" Masses for the Children preparing for First Eucharist will take place next week end.

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 19th 6.30pm - Scoil Na Mainistreach

Sunday 20th 9.30am - Scoil Brid

Sunday 20th 11am - Scoil Mochua

Sunday 20th 7pm - St Patrick's and the Children's Ark

Straffan Church

Sunday 20th 11am St. Brigid's School Straffan and the Glebe.

St. Patrick's Church Celbridge: Saturday (Vigil) 6.30 pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm & 7pm.

Weekday Mass: 10am & 7.30pm **Holy Days:** 8am, 10am, 12am, 7.30pm. **Bank Holidays:** 11am

St Brigid's Church Straffan: Saturday (Vigil) 6pm, Sunday 11am. **Week day Mass** 9.15am. **Holy Days and Bank Holidays:** 10am

Confessions: Celbridge: Saturday 10.30am. **Straffan** Saturday After 6pm Mass

Baptisms: St Patrick's Church – Sunday 2pm St Brigid's Church. Last Sunday of the month at 12.15pm

Pre- Baptism meetings: To book contact Christina 085 8519110.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Every Friday morning before 10am Mass (9am - 9.50am) in St Patrick's Church St. Brigid's Church Friday morning after 10am Mass.

John Main Christian Meditation Group

Meeting : Wednesday 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Venue : The Oratory Celbridge Abbey Clane Rd.

Car Park opened All are Welcome

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

John Main (1926–1982) Was one of the 20th century's great spiritual masters. Father John founded the Benedictine priory of Montreal, which became the Centre of a worldwide mediation movement and inspiration for numerous mediation groups today.

"The all-important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are..."

– John Main OSB

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St Vincent De Paul

DON'T FEEL DEPRIVED THIS CHRISTMAS

LET US HELP

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PHONE 01 8550022

Weekend Mass Intentions:

St Brigid's Church

Sat 6pm. Willie Kane

Sunday 11am John Lynch

St. Patrick's Church:

Saturday 6.30pm James Rubotham,

Sunday 8.30am Deceased Waldron family,

9.30am Cyril and Nancy Healy,

11am Jimmy O'Donnell,

12.30pm Deceased Meenaghan, Kane and

Finneran families,

7pm John and Marcella Tynan.

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday 14th 10am Jacinta Cotter, **7.30pm** James Greene, John, Anne and Ellen Conway,

Tuesday 15th 10am Kitty Fitzsimons, Geraldine Scally, **7.30pm** Daniel Quinn,

Wednesday 16th 10am Deceased Burchell family, **7.30pm** Con and Margaret Gaffney and deceased Gaffney family,

Thursday 17th 10am Sally Ann Lotz, **7.30pm** Rose Fitzgerald,

Friday 18th 10am Departed Legionaries, **7.30pm** Jenny Condell,

Saturday 19th 10am Charles Burchell, **12noon** Grace Costello.

We welcome into our faith community the children recently baptised:

Matthew Kennedy, Joshua Smith Kane, Cillian Murray, James Nolan, Scott Armstrong, Tiernan Macreachtain and Tommy Hodson.

**Celbridge and Straffan Gospel Choir
Fundraising Gig**

In aid of Celbridge and Straffan Gospel choir and Resource Department, Salesian College, Celbridge

On Friday 18th November 2011

In the Kildrough Inn Celbridge

From 8.30 pm till late

Disco (DJ Pete) afterwards

Tickets €10 (pay at door)

Spot prizes galore including

2 overnight stay's in Carton House.

Please come along and support us and

have a great night's entertainment



**Explaining the changes to the
Roman Missal**

Presented by SR. OLIVE CULLEN, PhD.

(Theology specialising in Liturgy)

Thursday 17th, November 10.45 to 11.45 a.m.

or 8.00-9.00 p.m. Book early.

Places limited to 25 Cost €5

Choose which of the above times suits you.

There will be two sessions on each date,

Wellsprings Centre, Holy Faith Convent,

Celbridge Phone 016288267

email: wellspringscentre@gmail.com

Sunday 20th November Exposition & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, third Sunday from 4pm to 5.30pm, concluding with evening prayer of the Church and Benediction at 5.15pm.

Wednesday 16th November St Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting, directly after the 7.30pm evening Mass. in the meeting room beside the Sacristy, **new members very welcome**

NEW BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR CELBRIDGE & STRAFFAN

"You are my beloved Son/Daughter" (cf. Luke 3.21-22)

In the past few years (experts tell us) the Sacrament of Baptism has lost its meaning for many people in Ireland. The main thing seems to get the baptism "done", and not bother so much with what the Sacrament is about. With that in mind we're beginning a new Baptism Preparation Course in our parish. Through this we hope to encourage parent(s) /guardian(s) to think deeper about the meaning of Baptism, and develop the understanding that this Sacrament is only the beginning of a life long journey in faith for their child.

Starting from December we're offering a more developed, and hopefully richer, journey on the road to baptism. Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s), along with Godparent(s), will be invited to attend *two 'journey into baptism' meetings* on a Tuesday night. After the first meeting a *Welcome Service* will be celebrated during the 11am mass. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will also be encouraged to attend Masses and other kind of parish activities during the time of preparation. After attending these gatherings a date for the baptism will be confirmed.

This will be a new journey for all of in our parish – for parents, guardians, godparents, Ministers of the Sacrament, and all of us as sisters and brothers who share the grace and responsibility of baptism. It is certainly a change in the way we introduce new members to our faith Community, and to the Easter story given us by the Lord Jesus. But we hope it will really help us in finding, what Pope Benedict has called, 'the joy for which otherwise we wait in vain'.

If you have any questions and/or enquiries about this new preparation programme, or are willing to get involved in the Baptism team, please contact our Parish Pastoral Worker, Christina Malone, 085 8519110.